Mr Martin asked if these bloodsuckers be still let alone to suck up the best and prmcipallest commodities which tie earth hath given us, what shall become of us from what the touts of our own soil and the commodities of our own labour which with the sweat of our brows, even up to the knees in mure and dirt we have laboured for, shall be taken by warrant of supreme authority which the poor subject dare not gainsay

Sir Walter Ralegh spake up for his own monopoly of tin, declaring that before his patent whether tin were of ijs or 5 os a hundred, yet the poor workmen never had a Dove 2s a week, finding themselves But since his patent, whoever will may \vork , and buy tin at what price soever, they have 45 a week truly paid Notwithstanding, if all others were repealed, he would give his consent freely to the cancelling of this After which speech there was a great silence

When others had given their opinion, the bill is ordered to be considered by a committee to-morrow at 2 of the clock in the afternoon

A Too CURIOUS GENTLEMAN

There is one Mr William March, a gentleman, that in the time of the Earl of Essex's rebellious action came out in the sudden tumult to see what was meant Thereby he was taken and put in prison Upon examination he is now found not to be directly charged and therefore shall be released

2ist November THE COMMITTEE FOR MONOPOLIES

This afternoon the committee for monopolies or patents of privilege sat First Si? Edward Hoby informed the House of the great abuse of his patentee for salt in his county,, that between Michaelmas and St Andrew's tide, where salt (before

the patent) was sold for i6d a bushel, it is now sold for 143 or 155 a bushel But after the Lord President had understanding thereof he committed the patentee and caused it to be sold for i6d as before In Lyme there is brought every year above 3,000 wey of salt, and every wey of salt is since the patent enhanced to 2os , and where the bushel was wont to be 8d it is now l6d Mr Francis Bacon thought the bill very unfit and would have them proceed by petition Then Mr Solicitor